

**DUTCHESS COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL
SPECIAL POPULATONS COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes—June 19, 2017

Present: Jonathan Heller, Chairman, D.C. Probation & Community Corrections
Mary Ellen Still, D.C. Probation & Community Corrections Director
Kevin Warwick, ASAI, Consultant
Sam Busselle, Citizen Representative
Charles Robitaille, DBCH
Martin Lynch, Project M.O.R.E.
Thomas Angell, D.C. Public Defender, Re-Entry Committee Chair
Honorable Frank Mora, Poughkeepsie City Court
Winifred Milkovich, D.C. Jail
William Grady, D.C. District Attorney
Steve Miccio, PEOPLE Inc., Diversion Committee Chair
Jason Bailor, Lexington Center for Recovery
Dawn Hawley, Acting CJC Coordinator

There will be an abbreviated agenda for today's meeting due to the scheduled tour of the jail.

1. Approval of May 2017 meeting minutes- The May minutes were approved on a motion by Tom Angell and seconded by Marty Lynch.

2. RESTART update -

Charlie reported that they are working on an aftercare program that is in its early stages of implementation. The program is held at Community Transition Center (CTC) on Wednesday afternoons. RESTART participants who have been discharged into the community have an open invitation. They can also be linked to supports in the community.

Tom Angell said it would be helpful to have RESTART admission numbers and other data about progress while in the program. Jon replied that we have developed a report that shows where people are in the program. Jon said that there are two different lists. One tracks people being admitted into RESTART. The other was created by Jeff Walraven from Probation. This spread sheet tracks progress while in the program. Charlie and Mary Ellen both added that they found the spread sheet very helpful and user friendly. Mary Ellen noted that Jeff updates the information at least weekly. Jon said that this information can be shared with the Public Defender and District Attorney's offices.

Charlie added that we are making progress in case selection. The prison bound numbers are decreasing and the probation numbers are increasing. Charlie observed that the prison bound population has more administrative discharges and other behavioral issues. Jon said there has also been a decrease in the number of people being released prior to completing RESTART which prevents them from getting a full "dosage" of treatment. Charlie said he is working with Bill Goff to adjust the *Stages of Change*

curriculum to better fit the RESTART timetable. Some inmates may be able to start these classes prior to their formal acceptance into RESTART as part of a preparation process.

RESTART Quality Assurance

Kevin reported that he attended a focus group with men and women (separately) and the feedback was very positive. Participants shared that they feel the staff is fully engaged with them. They feel they are getting release plans. They like the groups and were able to articulate what they are learning. They are really pleased with the community meeting that Charlie introduced and the RESTART staff. The focus group tells us that the environment is supportive which has an impact on recidivism. Kevin also attended the flow meeting on Wednesday and was pleased with the quality of the release plans and coordination of case post release.

Charlie reported that we are losing a staff member who has been with the program from the beginning. Amanda will be leaving to take a position at Green Haven. Charlie said they are hoping to have her continue to work with the program on a per diem basis.

4. Tour of RESTART and the jail – Lt. Winnie Milkovich provided a tour for the group. The group toured the RESTART area of the jail as well as the pods and various units.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Angell, seconded by Judge Mora.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the PSB, Main St., Poughkeepsie

Note: No meeting in August